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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/27/07.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

In view of the appeal brief filed on 3/27/2007, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. New ground of rejection is set forth below.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) initiate a new appeal by filing a notice of appeal under 37 CFR 41.31 followed by an appeal brief under 37 CFR 41.37. The previously paid notice of appeal fee and appeal brief fee can be applied to the new appeal. If, however, the appeal fees set forth in 37 CFR 41.20 have been increased since they were previously paid, then appellant must pay the difference between the increased fees and the amount previously paid.

A Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) has approved of reopening prosecution by signing below:

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-19 are rejected.

Specification Objection

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it should not use phrase(s), which can be implied (see MPEP 608.01 (b)). In this instant the phrase “selectable means” is objected to.

Appropriated correction is requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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(a) the invention was known or used by other's in this country or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims 1-2,4-6,16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Dowling (US 6823505).

As in claim 1, Dowling discloses a processor address translation apparatus for translating an instruction operand address to a different operand address (Dowling's Fig 2, processor address translation apparatus comprises #102 register file, #150 etc..programmable address translation logic, for translating an instruction operand address, #Fig 2: #107, to a different address, see column 13, Table 5),

Dowling further discloses a memory with an address input for selecting a data element from a plurality of data element (Dowling's Fig 2: #AR0-ARn and associating auxiliary memory registers R1-RN, Dowling's column 1 lines 20-50),

Dowling's column 13, table 5 further discloses an instruction register for receiving an instruction encoded with an operand address (Table 5 instructions) and control information indicating the operand address is to be translated as part of the instruction's execution (Dowling's table 5, column 13 lines 19-35 further discloses by using the control information (i.e new “++” notation indicating address translation), the address translation apparatus translating the operand address into the translated address of the corresponding transpose element) ; and an address translation unit for accessing the memory in a translation pattern, having the operand address as input and (Dowling's Fig 2,address translation apparatus comprising of #102, #150 etc.. accessing the memory associating with #102 AR0-Arn in a translation pattern),

Dowling further discloses in response to the instruction received in the instruction register (Dowling's Table 5 instruction), translating the operand address to form the different operand address in accordance with the translation pattern (Dowling's table 5, column 13 lines 19-35 further discloses by using the control information (i.e new “++” notation indicating address translation), the address translation apparatus translating the operand address into the

translated address of the corresponding transpose element), the different operand address accessing a data element from the memory through the address input (Dowling's Fig 2, the translated/different operand address accessing data element of memory associating with #AR0-ARN).

As in claim 2, Dowling further discloses several address translation functions supporting several translation patterns (Dowling's column 6 lines 47-66, programmable address translation functions supporting any desired address translation patterns such as +8, +4 etc; Dowling's column 7 lines 1-15, address translation functions for FFT algorithm, bit reversing functions or any functions for matrix calculation. Dowling Fig 5 further discloses of any translation parameters can be stored and easily programmed for processing any desired translation patterns, using well known, programmable logic devices such as PLD etc.; see Dowling's column 9 lines 40-65, PR0-PR3 etc.; column 13 lines 50 to column 14); Dowling further discloses an input to select a translation pattern from the plurality if supported translation (Dowling's column 7 lines 1-3, input that selects several addressing modes).

As in claim 4, Dowling Fig 4A, column 30-65 further discloses that the instruction is a block load instruction (i.e a typical matrix operation instruction in processor TMS320C2x).

As in claim 5, Dowling's Fig 5, in another embodiment, discloses that the processor address apparatus disposed within a plurality of instruction operand address paths (Fig 5: several instruction operand paths from dispatcher units Fig 5 #606) for a plurality of instruction, the plurality of instructions fetched for simultaneous execution (Fig 5: #617, #619 several programmable address translation functions are receiving plurality of instruction's operand addresses being fetched simultaneously).

As in claim 6, Dowling further discloses the plurality of instructions constitute a very long instruction word (VLIW) (Dowling's columns 50-56 further disclose the programmable address translation functions are incorporated into different functional and /or executing units executing instructions that constitute the VLIW instruction).

As in claim 16, Dowling discloses a processor address translation method for translating an instruction operand address to a different operand address, the address translation method comprising: receiving an instruction encoded with an operand address and control information indicating the operand address is to be translated as part of the instruction's execution; translating the operand address according to a function; and accessing a data element with the translated address (see rationale of claim 1), and repeating the receiving, translating, and accessing steps to access data elements in a pattern according to the function (Dowling's table 5, repeating steps for sequence of inputs according the function auto incrementing).

As in claim 17, Dowling further discloses wherein the function comprises combinatorial logic for translating the operand address (Dowling's column 9 lines 1-7, comprises combinational logic).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person

having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3,18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dowling (US 6823505) and in view of Nair et al (US 6944747).

As in claim 3, Dowling column 9, lines 40-65 discloses using the parameter registers PR0-PR3.. for providing translated addressed for automatic indexing FFT, and matrix operations (see Dowling's column 9 lines 5-15). Dowling does not expressly disclose of providing the bit complementing function for matrix operation (corresponding to the claim's e bits function). However, Nair teaches an apparatus Fig 1 to process several matrix operations (Nair's table 1 and 2), including providing bit complementing function for matrix operations, Nair's column 12 lines 13-30, bit-wise complement operation, bit-wise complement operation corresponding the claim's matrix operation with e bit). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to include bit-wise complementing function and matrix operations as suggested by Nair into Dowling's system, thereby the system can further providing additional complex matrix operations in an automatic manner as shown in Nair's Table 1, and 2, and thereby the further improve the overall throughput in the system for executing matrix operations.

As in claim 18, Dowling discloses an address translation method for translating a first address of a first data element in a memory to a second address of a second data element in the memory (Dowling's operand address translation circuitry to translated a first address into the second address for matrix operation, see Dowling's column 7 lines 1-15, column 6 lines 47-67), the address translation method comprising:

Dowling does not expressly disclose the claim's detail of matrix operation with the bit complementing function. However, Nair teaches an apparatus Fig 1 to process several matrix operations (Nair's table 1 and 2), including providing bit complementing function for matrix operations, Nair's column 12 lines 13-30, bit-wise complement operation (corresponding the claim's matrix operation with e bit). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to include bit-wise complementing function and matrix operations as suggested by Nair into Dowling's system, such that the system can further provide additional complex matrix operations as shown in Nair's Table 1, and 2 in an automatic manner, and thereby further improve the overall throughput in the system for executing matrix operations.

Nair further discloses typical matrix operation comprises of determining a set of {s, e} bits that specify a translation pattern; loading the set of {s, e} bits into an address translation parameter control register (Nair's loading the matrix parameter set of {s,e} representing by the mnemonic as shown in table 2); Dowling further discloses that any parameter set can be easily stored for operations such as matrix, FFT etc., using well known programmable logic device PLD, see Dowling's column 14 lines 50 to column 14).

Dowling further discloses enabling an address translation unit for translation (Dowling's column 7 lines 1-15, selecting and enabling the addressing mode for a particular address translation pattern FFT, matrix operation etc..) initiating a read operation to read a first data element at a first address during a read operation (It's is noted that any FFT, matrix operation requires reading a first source data element); translating the first address to the second address in accordance with the {s, e} bit specified translation pattern (Dowling's Fig 2,operand address translation function #212 translating address accordance with the algorithm pattern, see

Dowling's column 7 lines 1-15) ; and completing the read operation by reading the second data element at the second address (Dowling's Fig 2, using the translated operand address to read the second data element that is the result of an FFT bit reserving addressing step).

Claim 19 is rejected based on the same rationale as of claim 3.

Claims 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pechanek et al (US 6173389) and in view of Dowling (US 6823505).

As in claim 7, Pechanek discloses typically a computer system, for example a VLIW processor system, Fig 3, comprises of register file and associating register file addressing/indexing logic (i.e corresponding to the claim's RFI register file indexing logic and updating logic) to store operands in register file such that operands being stored in the register file can be quickly accessed by instruction in functional units of the processor (i.e load and store registers of register file for executing instruction such as add and multiply, see Pechanek's column 1 lines 47-61). Pechanek does not expressly disclose the logic to translate the operand addresses of sequence of instruction to an RIF sequence of different operand addresses. However, Dowling discloses an programmable address translation apparatus capable of translating a sequence of instruction operand addresses into different operand addresses of sequence of instructions (Dowling's Fig 2, column 6 lines 47-67, address register file AR0-ARn register file #102, column 13 Table 5) for several addressing translating pattern (i.e addressing modes to translate addresses of FFT patterns, and/or addressing patterns corresponding to matrices manipulation). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to include translation operand addresses into different operand addresses as

suggested by Dowling such that instructions can be completed faster and thereby further improve the overall system's throughput (see Dowling's column 13 lines 19-50).

Dowling further discloses a memory with an address input for selecting a data element from a plurality of data element (Dowling's Fig 2: #AR0-ARn and associating auxiliary memory registers R1-RN, Dowling's column 1 lines 20-50),

Dowling's column 13, table 5 further discloses an instruction register for receiving an instruction encoded with an operand address (Table 5 instructions) and control information indicating the operand address is to be translated as part of the instruction's execution (Dowling's table 5, column 13 lines 19-35 further discloses by using the control information (i.e new “++” notation indicating address translation), the address translation apparatus translating the operand address into the translated address of the corresponding transpose element) ;

Although Pechanek's Fig 3 discloses a VLIW processor system having RFI, register file and associating updating logic, Pechanek does not expressly discloses the claim's detail of the associating logic to manipulate operand addresses. However, Dowling further discloses a logic that manipulates operand addresses (i.e manipulating operand addresses corresponding to address register files, Dowling's Fig 2: #AR0-ARn and associating auxiliary memory registers R1-RN, Dowling's column 1 lines 20-50), capable of generate on the register file update unit's output a linear sequence of register file operand addresses in response to received sequence of register file translation type instruction (Dowling's column 2 lines 40-50, translating operand addresses using linear auto incrementing mode).

Dowling further discloses a multiplexer for selecting between the operand address from the instruction register for a first register file operation and subsequence register file operations

(Dowling's Fig 2: for selecting not translated the operand address, therefore address from the instruction register #107 or translated operand address from the programmable address translation circuitry #212. It's further note that for incrementing addresses pattern, the first address is not being translated, and the subsequent addresses are translated to +8, -4 etc.. see Dowling's column 2 lines 50-58, thus a multiplexer is required for bypassing/not using the address translation function #217; Dowling's column 9 lines 1-15, teaches by providing feedback path of translated operand addresses (i.e output of translation function #217) to the registers #102, using for example multiplexer circuitry #203, to implement sequential logic functions. In other words, Dowling clearly teaches of using multiplexer to provide addresses not being translated, and to provide translated addresses for subsequent cycles);

Dowling further discloses an address translation unit for access the memory in a translation pattern, receiving a sequence of operand address from the multiplexer (Fig 2: #203 multiplexer feeding back path of translating addresses to the registers #102 and proving them to address translation function #212 in subsequent cycles) and in response to the sequence of RFI operand addresses, translating the sequence of RFI operand addresses to form a sequence of different operand addresses (Dowling's column 9 lines 1-15, teaches by providing feedback path of translated operand addresses (i.e output of translation function #217) to the registers #102, using for example multiplexer circuitry #203, to implement sequential logic functions. In other words, Dowling clearly teaches of using multiplexer to provide addresses not being translated, and to provide translated addresses for subsequent cycles); in accordance with the translation pattern (Dowling's table 5, column 13 lines 19-35 further discloses by using the control information (i.e new "++" notation indicating address translation), the address translation

apparatus translating the operand address into the translated address of the corresponding transpose element), the different operand addresses each accessing a data element from the memory through the address input (Dowling's Fig 2, the translated/different operand address accessing data element of memory #AR0-Arn).

As in claim 8, Dowling's Fig 5 further discloses the RFI address translation apparatus disposed within PEs of an array of PEs (Dowling: Fig 6A array of PEs comprise address translation apparatus representing by #617, #619).

As in claim 9, Dowling's Fig 6A further discloses the processor RFI address translation apparatus of claim 7 disposed within a plurality of instruction operand address paths for a plurality of instructions, the plurality of instructions fetched for simultaneous execution (Fig 6A).

As in claim 10, Dowling further discloses the processor RFI address translation apparatus of claim 9 wherein the plurality of instructions constitute a very long instruction word (VLIW) (Dowling's column 50-56 further discloses the programmable address translation functions are incorporated into different functional and /or executing units that executing instructions that constitute the VLIW instruction).

Claims 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dowling (US 6823505) and in view of Choquette et al (US 2002/0199084).

As in claim 11, Dowling discloses an address translation memory device for accessing data at translated addresses, the address translation memory device comprising (Dowling's Fig 2, processor address translation apparatus comprises #102 register file, #150 etc..programmable address translation logic, for translating an instruction #Fig 2: #'107 operand address to a

different address, see column 13, Table 5): a first read address input (Dowling's Fig 2: a first read input for reading operand address from instruction Fig 2: #107);

Although Dowling Fig 2, column 1 lines 40-45 discloses a register file structures comprises of address registers Fig 2: #AR0 that provide addresses to associating operand data stored in memory/auxiliary registers R1-Rn (corresponding to the claim's storage device). Dowling does not expressly disclose the claim's aspect of ports associating with the storage device. However, Choquette discloses a typical computer system having several execution units that operate parallel and using a register file structure Fig 1: #30. In such a system, the register file structure Fig 1: #30 (corresponding to the claim's storage device) capable of providing several read, write address ports, and several data in data out ports so that several execution units can access the file register concurrently (Choquette's paragraph 4). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to include the register file structure with several read, write address ports and several data in data out ports so that several execution units can executing and accessing the file register structure concurrently, and thereby improve the overall system's throughput (Choquette's paragraphs 1,4).

Dowling further discloses the operand address translation apparatus for accessing the storage device in a translation pattern, the address translation unit translating the first read address input in accordance with the translation pattern (Dowling's Fig 2: # 3217 programmable address translation function translates address in accordance with translation pattern, auto increment or FFT etc., see Dowling's column 6 lines 45 to column 7 line 15), to the storage device second read address input for reading data from the storage device at a translated address during read operation (Again, it's further noted as disclosed by Choquette in above paragraph,

several storage ports (read write addresses data ports are provided so that the register file can be accessed by several executing units concurrently).

Claim 12 discloses a variation of claim 11, and directs to a write operation. The claim is rejected based on the same rationale as of claim 11. Again, it's further noted as disclosed by rationale in claim 11, several storage ports, read, write, addresses, and data ports are provided so that the register file can be accessed in either read or write operations by several executing units in a concurrently manner.

As in claim 13, Dowling's Fig 2 clearly discloses processor address translation apparatus comprises #102 register file, #150 etc..programmable address translation logic, for translating an instruction #Fig 2: #107 operand address to a different address, see column 13, Table 5; Dowling further discloses wherein the storage device (auxiliary register R0-Rn) having location selection logic (Fig 2: #AR0-AR) merging with the address translation unit (Fig 2: #217).

Claim 14 is rejected based on the same rationale as of claim 2.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dowling (US 6823505), Choquette et al (US 2002/0199084) as applied to claim 14, and further in view of Nair et al (US 6944747).

As in claim 15, none of Dowling and Choquette discloses the claim's aspect of complementing bit function of matrix operation. However Nair teaches the claim's limitation as discussed in the rationale of claim 3.

Response to Arguments

The applicant's remarks filed 3/27/07 were fully considered have been fully considered but they are mooted in view of new ground(s) of rejection with new reference(s) found. Additionally, as to the Applicant's remarks at page 17 for the rejections of claims 3-6, Nair does describe a mechanism to manipulate bit complementing function for matrix operation. The bit complementation function is readily to be applied to any type of elements' values (i.e element values can representing data values, address values etc..) and transforming the values to complementing values. Although Nair does not expressly disclose values being used as address values. However, Dowling clearly taught a mechanism in which a set of values representing operand addresses are transformed into another set of operand addresses values.

Conclusion

When responding to the office action, Applicant is advised to provide the examiner with the line numbers and page numbers in the application and/or references cited to assist examiner to locate the appropriate paragraphs.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc T. Doan whose telephone number is 571-272-4171. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 AM 05:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hyung S. Sough can be reached on 571-272-6799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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